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Resolutions

2002/39
Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period 2002-2005

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution MFC.1 of 5 May 2000, adopted by the Ministerial Follow-up Committee of the Conference of Ministers responsible for Economic and Social Development of the Economic Commission for Africa, by which the Committee endorsed the proposed medium-term plan of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period 2002-2005,

Having considered the proposals for changes to the medium-term plan as contained in the proposed revisions thereto,[1]

Aware that the Committee for Programme and Coordination, at its forty-second session held from 10 June to 9 July 2002, has already considered the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan and offered its comments and observations on the revisions,

Taking into account important developments and events that have occurred since the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan, in particular the proposals of the Secretary-General for further strengthening the United Nations, as contained in his report entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change",[2] the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 26 August to 4 September 2002, the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly to consider how to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development[3] as the framework for system-wide support for African development, and Assembly resolution 57/2 of 16 September 2002 entitled "United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development",

Bearing in mind that both the proposals of the Secretary-General and the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[4] adopted by the World Summit on Sustainable Development are currently before the General Assembly for its endorsement,

1. *Expresses* its appreciation to the Committee for Programme and Coordination for its comments and recommendations on the medium-term plan of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period 2002-2005, which have gone a long way towards improving the medium-term plan;

2. *Proposes* the following additional modifications to the medium-term plan in the light of the new developments that have occurred since the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered the plan:

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[1] E/ECA/CM.1/5.

[2] A/57/387 and Corr. 1.

[3] A/57/304, annex.

[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

1. Subprogramme 1: Facilitating economic and social policy analysis

(a) In view of the importance of financing in meeting the millennium development goals, the component on mobilizing finance for development which is currently under subprogramme 2, Promoting trade and mobilizing finance for development, should be brought under subprogramme 1 where the work of the Economic Commission for Africa on meeting the millennium development goal of poverty reduction will be addressed. The holistic treatment of the related issues of official development assistance, foreign direct investment, debt relief and capital flight will be critical in achieving coherence in financing for development and poverty reduction. Similarly, the special needs of African least developed, landlocked and small island developing countries should be brought under this subprogramme from subprogramme 2;

2. Subprogramme 2: Promoting trade and mobilizing finance for development

(b) The issues of trade and finance for which this subprogramme was responsible should be integrated into the subprogrammes on Promoting regional cooperation and integration, and Facilitating economic and social policy analysis, respectively, in order to achieve greater coherence. Accordingly, the subprogramme on promoting trade and mobilizing finance for development will be discontinued;

3. Subprogramme 3: Enhancing food security and sustainable development

(c) The Conference appeals to the Committee for Programme and Coordination to reconsider its recommendation with respect to the change of name of this subprogramme. This subprogramme should be renamed Fostering sustainable development, to ensure that the work of the subprogramme appropriately reflects the integrated nature of sustainable development that resulted from the World Summit on Sustainable Development, which adopted a political declaration[4] to take account of the three critical dimensions of sustainable development, namely, economic development, social development, and environmental protection in development planning. In view of the new concept of sustainable development agreed to at the Summit, all survival issues including food security that impact on sustainable development should be regrouped under this subprogramme to ensure that these interrelated issues are treated within a holistic framework, while still maintaining a strong programmatic focus on food security in the subprogramme. Accordingly, activities related to water, mineral and energy resources development and other natural resource issues currently under subprogramme 6, Promoting regional cooperation and integration, will be brought under this subprogramme;

4. Subprogramme 4: Strengthening development management

(d) The orientation of this subprogramme should be changed slightly to reflect the role of the Economic Commission for Africa in support of the African Peer Review Mechanism of the New Partnership for Africa's Development.[3] Accordingly, the following text will be added to the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period 2002-2005[1] as a separate paragraph in the section on strategy under this subprogramme: "The Economic Commission for Africa will continue to work closely with the Steering Committee and Secretariat of the New Partnership for Africa's Development in elaborating the peer review mechanism. In this context, the

analytical work of the Economic Commission for Africa and in-depth country studies on monitoring good governance may provide an objective appraisal mechanism to facilitate the assessment of the progress and performance of African Governments in adhering to mutually agreed codes and standards on good governance";

5. Subprogramme 6: Promoting regional cooperation and integration

(e) The component on promoting trade under subprogramme 2, Promoting trade and mobilizing finance for development, should be subsumed under this subprogramme because of the importance of intraregional trade in achieving regional economic integration. Thus, the work under the trade cluster of this subprogramme will focus on examining how trade can contribute to regional integration as a step towards effective integration into the world economy, seizing on the opportunities offered by the new multilateral trade framework established at Doha. This will require providing technical and other capacity-building support to African countries in trade negotiations, especially within the context of the new World Trade Organization agreements and other protocols such as the arrangements between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Union, established at Cotonou. To ensure that the subprogramme appropriately reflects the nature of the issues that it will be dealing with, it should be renamed Promoting trade and regional integration;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into consideration these proposals in respect of the revisions to the medium-term plan of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period 2002-2005;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to act on the revisions to the medium-term plan in the context of the decision of the General Assembly on the proposed changes thereto.

44th plenary meeting
25 October 2002

2002/40
Public administration and development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2001/45 of 20 December 2001,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its first session;[5]

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of public administration in the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[6] and transmits it to the General Assembly for its review, pursuant to Assembly resolution 56/213 of 21 December 2001;

[5] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 24* (E/2002/84).
[6] A/57/262-E/2002/82.

3. *Reiterates* that efficient, accountable, effective and transparent public administration, at both the national and international levels, has a key role to play in the implementation of the internationally agreed goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[7] and in that context stresses the need to strengthen national public sector administrative and managerial capacity-building, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

4. *Welcomes* the recommendations of the Committee concerning the directions of the United Nations Programme on Public Administration and Finance, in particular the recommendations that future work of the United Nations on public administration should devote priority assistance to the special needs of Africa and that it be supportive of the initiatives undertaken in the context of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;[8]

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to endeavour to hold a session of the Committee in 2003 within existing resources;

6. *Decides* to review at its substantive session in July 2003 the request of the Committee that it meet annually.

45th plenary meeting
19 December 2002

Decisions

2002/201 D
Elections and nominations to subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 25 October 2002, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary bodies:

Elections postponed from previous sessions

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Council elected **Jordan** for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2004.

The Council also elected **Belgium** for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2003.

The Council further postponed to a future session the election of two members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2004, and two members from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2003.

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[7] See General Assembly resolution 55/2.
[8] A/57/304, annex.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

The Council elected **Panama** for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2003.

The Council further postponed to a future session the election of one member from Eastern European States and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2003; and one member from African States, two members from Asian States, two members from Latin American and Caribbean States and six members from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2003.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council elected **Qin** Xiaomei (China) for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2004.

Nominations postponed from a previous session

Committee for Programme and Coordination

The Council nominated **Switzerland** for election by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2003.

The Council further postponed the nomination of one member from Western European and other States for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2003.

2002/201 E
Elections to subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2002, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary bodies:

Elections postponed from previous sessions

Commission on Population and Development

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2002, the Council elected **Guyana** for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2004.

The Council further postponed to a future session the election of two members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005 and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2004.

2002/302
Modalities for establishing an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on African Countries Emerging from Conflict: Guinea-Bissau

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 4 October 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided to entrust the President of the Council with the holding of consultations regarding the modalities for establishing an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on African Countries Emerging from Conflict: Guinea-Bissau, under the terms of Council resolution 2002/1 of 15 July 2002.

2002/303
Termination of the work of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 25 October 2002, the Economic and Social Council, taking into account the decision contained in paragraph 144 (e) of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation,[9] decided to terminate the work of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development and transfer its work to the Commission on Sustainable Development.

2002/304
Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 25 October 2002, the Economic and Social Council, recalling Council resolution 2002/1 of 15 July 2002 on the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on African Countries Emerging from Conflicts and Council decision 2002/302 of 4 October 2002 on the modalities for establishing an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on African Countries Emerging from Conflict: Guinea-Bissau decided:

(a) To establish an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau to examine its humanitarian and economic needs, and review relevant programmes of support and prepare recommendations for a long-term programme of support, based on its development priorities through the integration of relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development into a comprehensive approach to peace and stability, as well as provide advice on how to ensure that the assistance of the international community was adequate, coherent, well coordinated and effective and promoted synergy;

(b) To appoint the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of South Africa, Guinea-Bissau, Brazil, the Netherlands and Portugal to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau and to appoint the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations as Chairperson of the Group;

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[9] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

(c) That the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau would invite the participation in the work of the Group of the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations in his capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council, the Permanent Representative of the Gambia to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairperson of the Group of Friends of Guinea-Bissau, and the Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Security Council on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa;

(d) To request the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau to submit a report on its recommendations to the Economic and Social Council by mid-January 2003.

2002/305
Report of the Secretary-General on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the Millennium Summit

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 25 October 2002, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the Millennium Summit.[10]

2002/306
Follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 25 October 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided to defer its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development[11] to its substantive session of 2003.

2002/307
Amendment of the rule of procedure of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 25 October 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided, in accordance with rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names,[12] to amend rule 5 of the rules of procedure to read:

> "The Group shall elect the following officers from among the experts representing divisions: a Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and two Rapporteurs."

[10] A/57/75-E/2002/57.
[11] A/57/319-E/2002/85.
[12] See E/CONF.94/CRP.2, annex.

2002/308
Report of the Secretary-General on the role of public administration in the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 25 October 2002, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of public administration in the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration.[13]

2002/309
Themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 2003 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided to adopt the following themes for the high-level and coordination segments of its substantive session of 2003:

High-level segment

Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development

Coordination segment

The role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

2002/310
Extension of the mandate of the President of the Economic and Social Council for 2002

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided to waive rule 22 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council so as to allow, on an exceptional basis, the President of the Council for 2002 to preside over the meeting of the Council to be held on 15 January 2003 to elect its Bureau, at which time the newly elected President would take over his functions.

[13] A/57/262-E/2002/82.

2002/311
Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-third session and the progress report of the Secretary-General on the basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2002, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-third session[14] and of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels;[15]

(b) Requested the Statistical Commission to provide a separate comprehensive report on the work related to chapter VI, section E, of the report of the Commission on its thirty-third session[14] and on the basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels, including the Report on Indicators on Means of Implementation, to the Council at its substantive session of 2003 for consideration and guidance.

2002/312
Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2002 regular session

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2002, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2002 regular session.[16]

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[14] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 4* (E/2002/24).
[15] E/2002/53.
[16] E/2002/71 (Part I) and Corr.1 and E/2002/71 (Part II).